



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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March 17, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) QUINT-TYPE AERIAL LADDER APPARATUS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

Approve the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County's request to authorize the acquisition of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus. A quint-type aerial ladder apparatus costs approximately \$830,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE  
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Approve the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County's (District's) request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus.
2. Find that this purchase is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

#### **SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:**

AGOURA HILLS  
ARTESIA  
AZUSA  
BALDWIN PARK  
BELL  
BELL GARDENS  
BELLFLOWER

BRADBURY  
CALABASAS  
CARSON  
CERRITOS  
CLAREMONT  
COMMERCE  
COVINA

CUDAHY  
DIAMOND BAR  
DUARTE  
EL MONTE  
GARDENA  
GLEN DORA  
HAWAIIAN GARDENS

HAWTHORNE  
HIDDEN HILLS  
HUNTINGTON PARK  
INDUSTRY  
INGLEWOOD  
IRVINDALE  
LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE

LA MIRADA  
LA PUENTE  
LAKEWOOD  
LANCASTER  
LAWDALE  
LOMITA  
LYNWOOD

MALIBU  
MAYWOOD  
NORWALK  
PALMDALE  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
PARAMOUNT  
PICO RIVERA

POMONA  
RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
ROLLING HILLS  
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES  
ROSEMEAD  
SAN DIMAS  
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL  
SOUTH EL MONTE  
SOUTH GATE  
TEMPLE CITY  
WALNUT  
WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE  
WHITTIER

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The District has a 20 year replacement plan for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of front line service and 5 years of reserve service. A quint-type aerial apparatus provides the ability to perform as both a fire suppression pumper and aerial ladder truck, and acquisition of two will allow us to maintain our current replacement schedule for this type of apparatus.

In addition, the quints will have enclosed cabs, improved fire fighter safety features, more cost effective components to reduce annual operating costs and higher efficiency, lower emission diesel engines, allowing us to continue providing prompt, skillful and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal #2, Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services; and Goal #8, Public Safety, by increasing the safety and security of all residents in Los Angeles County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total estimated cost of the two quint-type aerial ladder apparatus is approximately \$1,660,000. The District's 2008-09 budget includes sufficient funding for the purchase of the apparatus.

The maintenance of the quint-type aerial ladder apparatus will be funded from the District's Operating Budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The nature of response requirements, fire fighting and automotive technology and accepted National Fire Protection Agency requirements have changed dramatically over the last 20 years and the new apparatus will be significantly more efficient and effective than the apparatus they are replacing.

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The acquisition of the quint-type aerial ladder apparatus is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as it will not result in a direct or reasonable foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The quint-type aerial ladder apparatus will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safer, more efficient and cost effective manner.

### **CONCLUSION**

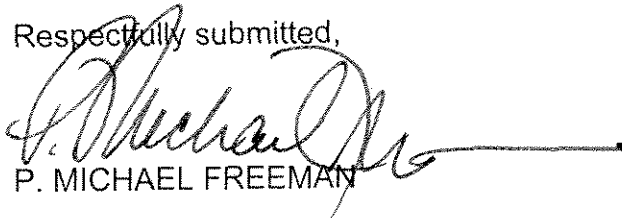
Upon approval by your Board, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County  
Executive Office  
1320 North Eastern Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90063
2. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County  
Materials Management Division  
5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100  
Commerce, Ca 90040  
Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief
3. Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County  
Fire Fleet Services Division  
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Attention: Craig Weeks, Division Chief

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4. Joe Sandoval, Acting General Manager  
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Respectfully submitted,



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Internal Service Department  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors